

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 2 and 11-12 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 3-10 and 13-16 remain pending. Reconsideration and reexamination of the application, as amended, are requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 11 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sponsler et al.

Claims 3-10 were indicated to be allowable. Claims 13-16 were allowed.

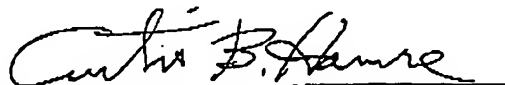
Claim 2 was not mentioned in the Official Action. In a telephone call to the Examiner, it was confirmed that claim 2 should be indicated to be allowable. As a consequence, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2. Claims 2 and 11-12 have been cancelled. The rejection is moot.

In view of the above, the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are requested. Allowance of all pending claims at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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